THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c) On 6.2.1991, the train engine along with 18 coaches of New Delhi bound Hyderabad-Nizamuddin Express derailed between Vempalli and Sirpur town stations of South Central Railway due to a blast caused by an explosive device. As a result, 2 persons were killed and 23 injured. No arrest has been made so far.

(d) No claim for compensation has been paid. However, an *ex-gratia* payment of Rs. 22,250/- has been made to dependants of the deceased and the injured passengers.

(e) An inter-departmental inquiry into this accident is in progress.

Implementation of the National Capital region Plan for Delhi

31. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Capital Region Plan for Delhi has not been seriously implemented by Government; and

(b) if so, what measures Government are taking for early implementation of the National Capital Region Plan for Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Implementation of Schemes is being monitored by the NCR Planning Board with a view to ensuring timely completion. A sum of Rs. 138.97 crores has so far been spent by the Centre and the participating State Governments to implement various Urban Development Schemes in the National Capital Region.

Connecting of Tripura to Kumarghat by Rail Link

32. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to connect the Capital of Tripura from Kumarghat during this plan period;

(b) if so, whether any budget provision has been made in this regard:

(c) which are the State Capitals yet to be connected with rail; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to rail link the above State Capitals?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir. .....

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Agartala, Aizawal, Gangtok, Imphal, Itanagar, Kohima, Panaji, Shillong, and Srinagar are the State Capitals yet to be connected with rail.

(d) Except Panaji, all these State Capitals are located at mountaneous regions and are well served by Road network. The cost of rail lines in mountaneous regions will be very high. Due to financial constraints, there is no proposal for rail link to these State Capitals.

Malpractices in Railway Wing

33. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the malpractices prevalent in the various railway wings in misusing the railway man-power by the Railway officials for their domestic work particularly in the Railway Engineering and Commercial wings;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any attempt to know this anti-labour practice being followed in the various wings of the railway administration;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what corrective steps have been taken by Government to put an end to such malpractices besides taking administrative action against those officials indulging in it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) to (c) By and large, there is no misuse of railwayman-power for domestic work, though a few such isolated cases have come to notice.

(d) Information and complaints received relating to the misuse of labour, are investigated promptly, and deterrent action is taken in established cases against those who indulge in such malpractices.

Ban on Registration for Allotment of Flates/Plots by Delhi Development Authority

34. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority has banned the acceptance of any fresh applications for allotment of newly-constructed flats or plots for the last five years; and

(b) if so, by when this ban is likely to be lifted and applications from new applicants invited and whether certain percentage of allotments would also be fixed for the Member of Parliament out of them.

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It would not be desirable to start a new scheme before the existing backlong of registrants of earlier schemes is cleared.

NBCC dues against DPA

35. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated amount due from Iraq for various projects undertaken by the N.B.C.C. there; and

(b) in what manner Government propose to realise the dues?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) As on 31st January, 1991 the estimated amount due from Iraq for various projects undertaken by NBCC is Rs. 91.85 crore.

(b) Out of the above, dues amounting to Rs. 71.79 crores are covered under Deferred Payment Agreements signed between the Government of India and the Government of Iraq. As per these agreements, the dues are payable in instalments by April, 1996. The balance amount of dues is liable to be realised in cash in US dollars/local currency.